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## **ABBOTT STATEMENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS**

### ***Abbott Pledges Donation of \$4 Million in Funds and Nutritional, Medical Products***

ABBOTT PARK, Ill. Aug. 31, 2005 – In response to widespread damage throughout the Gulf Coast caused by the catastrophic hurricane Katrina, Abbott has pledged \$2 million in cash donations and an initial \$2 million in nutritional and medical products to help victims of this disaster. The nutritional products, which are already being distributed to those in need, were rapidly shipped to affected areas in response to initial requests from aid organizations yesterday soon after the disaster struck.

"The effects of this disaster are absolutely devastating. Abbott is answering the call to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," said Miles D. White, chairman and chief executive officer, Abbott. "Our thoughts are with all of those who live in the affected areas. We encourage all of corporate America to help."

Working with disaster relief organizations including the American Red Cross, AmeriCares, America's Second Harvest and MAP International, Abbott's initial contributions include cases of pediatric and adult nutritional products such as *Similac*<sup>®</sup> infant formula, *PediaSure*<sup>®</sup> and *Pedialyte*<sup>®</sup> nutritional drinks and *Ensure*<sup>®</sup> and *ZonePerfect*<sup>®</sup> bars.

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Abbott has a long history of providing humanitarian relief. In 2004, Abbott donated more than \$300 million in products and funds to non-profit organizations, philanthropic programs and relief efforts throughout the world. The company provided humanitarian aid on the ground 72 hours after the tsunami hit Southeast Asia, as well as aid in Chad, Liberia and Darfur, Sudan, and hurricane relief in the United States.

Abbott is a global, broad-based health care company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs more than 60,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

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